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FOLLOWING ENTIRE TEXT OF LOS ANGELES TIMES EDITORIAL,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1976: "A ROUGH TRIP"

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BEEN GREATLY COMPLICATED BY THE FURTHER FRAGMENTATION OF THE BLACK NATIONALISTS OF RHODESIA. AND IT IS NOT BEING HELPED BY THE OPPOSITION OF A SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL BLOC IN CONGRESS.

"A SUMMIT OF THE LEADERS OF THE FIVE MOST-AFFECTED BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS FAILED LAST WEEK TO BRING THE RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS INTO ANY SEMBLANCE OF UNITY OR COOPERATION. AS MUCH AS THE RIGIDITY OF THE WHITE MINORITY, THEIR DIVISIONS FRUSTRATE PROGRESS TOWARD A CONSTITUTION RECOGNIZING MAJORITY RULE.

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"KISSINGER'S BARGAINING POSITION ALSO IS IMPERILED BY

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CUTTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR AID TO ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA AND IN PROHIBITING ALL ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONVENING WEDNESDAY MAY REMEDY THAT MISTAKE.

"MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BUY PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT THE CUTS NOW BEING ENGINEERED BY RHODESIAN PARTISANS IN CONGRESS WILL SURELY UNDERMINE AFRICAN CONFIDENCE IN KISSINGER, FOR THIS WAS PART OF THE PACKAGE HE CARRIED TO AFRICA LAST SPRING.

"QUITE ANOTHER MATTER IS THE RELIEF FUND OF \$1 BILLION OR MORE THAT THE SECRETARY IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE NEGOTIATING AS A 'SAFETY NET' TO REASSURE THE WHITE SETTLERS OF RHODESIA. HE HASN'T YET MADE A PERSUASIVE CASE FOR SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY TO RESCUE A GROUP WHOSE OBSTINANCY HAS HELPED HARDEN THE CRISIS, AND MANY OF WHOM ARE BUT RECENT ARRIVALS WHO CAME IN SEARCH OF CHEAP LAND AND CHEAP BLACK LABOR.

"KISSINGER HAS NOT MADE CLEAR WHY HE IS PROCEEDING WITH HIS MISSION AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE AFRICAN SUMMIT A WEEK AGO. THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT JOHN VORSTER, PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA, HELD OUT SOME HOPE WHEN THEY MET NINE DAYS AGO. REPORTS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN HELICOPTERS PILOTS FROM RHODESIA HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS EVIDENCE OF VORSTER'S COMMITMENT TO PRESSURE THE RHODESIANS, BUT IN FACT THE PRESENCE OF THE FLIERS THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A BETRAYAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITMENTS TO PULL OUT OF THE RHODESIAN WAR MORE THAN A YEAR AGO.

"KISSINGER KNOWS THAT ONLY VORSTER CAN PERSUADE THE WHITE RHODESIANS TO ACCEPT PEACEFUL CHANGE. AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE NEW DIVISIONS AMONG THE BLACK NATIONALISTS, WHILE INEVITABLY SLOWING THEIR STRUGGLE FOR BLACK RULE, MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT THE CHANGE WILL BE PEACEFUL.

"ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE, KISSINGER SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY
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THE MISSION IN STRATEGIC TERMS, SPEAKING ONCE AGAIN OF THE THREAT OF SPREADING SOVIET INFLUENCE. PERHAPS THE COMMENT WAS A CONCESSION TO THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. BUT IT BROUGHT TO MIND OTHER TIMES WHEN, IT SEEMS TO US, KISSINGER HAS BEEN MISLED BY EXAGGERATING THE SOVIET THREAT AMONG NEW NATIONS. VIET-NAM AND ANGOLA ARE EXAMPLES. NEITHER HAS BECOME A PUPPET OF MOSCOW.

"THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE NEW NATIONS OF AFRICA AND ASIA HAS BEEN A STORY OF UNBRIDLED NATIONALISM ONLY TOUCHED AT THE EDGES BY BIG-POWER RIVALRIES. THE AFRICAN ACTIVITIES OF MOSCOW SHOULD NOT

DIVERT THE PEACEMAKERS FROM THE MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS POSED BY RACIAL AND POLITICAL INJUSTICE.

"RHODESIA IS NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM ON THIS JOURNEY. THE TRIP WILL AFFORD THE SECRETARY A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO PROD SOUTH AFRICA TO SPEED THE COUSE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA), NOW THAT ALL PARTIES AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON A NULTIRACIAL SOLUTION. AND THE SECRETARY MUST TAKE CARE TO BE AS CRITICAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID POLICY WHEN HE IS IN PRETORIA AS HE WAS IN PHILADELPHIA A FORTNIGHT AGO, FOR APARTHEID IS THE GREATEST OF ALL THE PROBLEMS FOR AFRICA TO SOLVE."

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